

# SOLEC '96

## WHY SOLEC '96?

SOLEC '96 is an important component of the ongoing commitment between the governments of Canada and the United States (the Parties to the *Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement*) to communicate their progress on Great Lakes clean up and restoration. SOLEC '96 continues the successful process initiated in 1994. The focus of SOLEC '96 is the state of the nearshore zone including water, wetlands and the land by the lakes. The impact of changing land use in this zone as well as the state of information and information management for the nearshore will also be examined.

## SOLEC '96 OBJECTIVES

- Inform local decision-makers of environmental issues that affect nearshore areas of the Great Lakes basin;
- Provide information on the state of the nearshore ecosystem to help strengthen decision making and management within the basin;
- Develop support for an integrated environmental information system to help direct plans and programs;
- Provide information on existing Great Lakes strategies and build cooperative actions needed to strengthen and complement them;
- Provide a forum for improved communication and network building for involved groups and individuals within the basin.

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## STEERING COMMITTEE

*Steering Committee members represent a wide variety of agencies from around the Great Lakes:*

**Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry**

**Council of Great Lakes Industries**

**Environment Canada**

**Great Lakes Commission**

**Great Lakes Fishery Commission**

**Great Lakes States**

(Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin)

**Health Canada**

**International Joint Commission**

**Northeast-Midwest Institute**

**Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs**

**Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy**

**Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**

**Sea Grant Network**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

**U.S. Geological Survey - Biological Resource Division**

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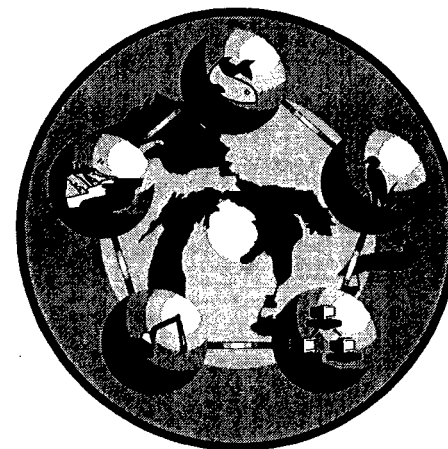
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# State Of The Lakes Ecosystem Conference

**1996 - Year of the Nearshore**



**November 6-8, 1996**

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**Cleary International Centre  
Windsor, Ontario**

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**Distribution of Conference Materials**

(for pre-registered participants)

Tuesday, November 5 (5 p.m. - 10 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 6 (7 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

**United States Environmental Protection  
Agency**

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**Environment Canada**

## DAY ONE - Wednesday, November 6, 1996

- 8:30 Welcome / Opening Remarks**  
Valdas Adamkus, *Great Lakes Program Manager, U.S. EPA*  
John Mills, *Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Environment Canada*  
Canadian Club Room "B"
- 9:00 Presentation of Working Papers and Integration Paper**
  - Nearshore Waters
  - Coastal Wetlands
  - Land by the Lakes
  - Impacts of Changing Land Use
  - Information & Information Management
  - Integration Paper*20-minute break is scheduled at 10:30a.m.*
- 12:00 Lunch** - Guest Speaker: Dave Buzzelli  
*Executive V-P, Dow Chemical Co.*  
Canadian Club Room "A" and "B"
- 1:30 & 3:30 Workshops by Working Paper Topics including the Integration Paper**  
*Scientific resource people will be available at each workshop to explain findings in more detail. Participants may select 2 different workshops.*  
*30-minute break at 3:00p.m. Adjourn at 5:00p.m.*
- 6-8:00 Evening Reception and Success Stories Recognitions**  
*Presentation at 6:30p.m. by the Consuls General Greg Johnson, Toronto*  
*Don Wismer, Detroit*  
  
*Hors d'oeuvres provided - Cash bar*  
Canadian Club Room "B"

## DAY TWO - Thursday, November 7, 1996

- 8:30 Plenary Session** - Update on Day 1  
Canadian Club Room "B"
- 9:00 Lake-by-Lake Workshop Sessions**  
*To examine what is known about the state of the nearshore of each lake and suggestions for improvements. (Separate session for each lake which will include connecting channels)*
  - What has happened since SOLEC '94
  - The state of the nearshore ecosystem integrity
  - What is known about stressors and their impacts
  - Areas of Concern
  - Report cards evaluating the state of knowledge and gaps, using indicator concept
  - Where do we go from here*20-minute break is scheduled at 10:30a.m.*
- 12:00 Lunch** - Guest Speaker : John Sawhill  
*President and CEO, The Nature Conservancy*  
Canadian Club Room "A" and "B"
- 1:30 Breakout Sessions on Priority Topic**
  - Research, assessment and analysis
  - New approaches to growth management
  - Protection & restoration of the nearshore environment
  - Nuisance exotic species
  - Inventory of high quality areas
  - Indicators
  - Climate change and variability*15 minute break. Adjourn at 4:30p.m.*
- 6-8:00 Dinner** - Guest Speaker : David Crombie  
*Chair, Waterfront Regeneration Trust*  
Canadian Club Rooms "A" and "B"

## DAY THREE - Friday, November 8, 1996

- 8:30 Plenary Session** - Update on Day 2  
Canadian Club room "B"
- 9:00 Open Forum on Nearshore Issues**  
  
Moderator: Aaron Freeman  
Radio commentator (WBEZ-FM, Chicago) and stage actor.

### Panellists

Pamela Blais - *Metropole Consultants*  
George Francis - *University of Waterloo*  
Rod Witlow - *Association of First Nations EAGLE Project*  
Chris Wright - *Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Initiative*  
Werner Braun - *Dow North America*  
Tom Bailey - *Little Traverse Conservancy*



### Wednesday and Thursday

Continuous demonstrations and hands-on training of Internet access and environmental software programs in Taqtaq Room. Presented by Great Lakes Information Network, Great Lakes Information Management Resource, and the Great Lakes National Program Office.

*State of the Lakes displays and exhibits presented by participating organizations will be featured in the Dieppe Room*

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